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REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 26-50 have been cancelled, claim 16 has been amended and claims 51-53 have been added. The specification also has been amended to correct informalities and an abstract is provided. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments; support therefor being found throughout the specification and in the original claims of the application. Additionally, the within amendment is presented to pursue examination of previously non-elected subject matter: the invention of Group II, per the Restriction Requirement of March 26, 2003, in the parent case (USSN 09/964,260). Other amendments have been made merely to conform the application to U.S. patent practice.

Early examination and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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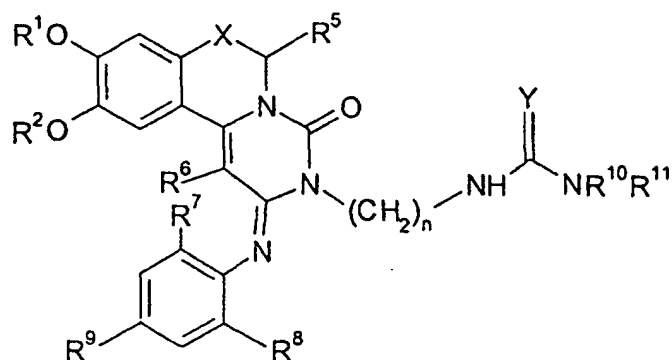
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ABSTRACT

The invention provides compounds or salts thereof of the general formula (I):



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wherein each of R^1 and R^2 independently represents a C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{2-7} acyl group; X represents OCH_2 or a group CR^3R^4 ; wherein each of R^3 or R^4 independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3} alkyl group; R^5 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{2-3} alkenyl or C_{2-3} alkynyl group; R^6 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, amino, C_{1-6} alkylamino, di(C_{1-6}) alkylamino or C_{2-7} acylamino group; each of R^7 and R^8 independently represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or a hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{2-7} acyl, C_{1-6} alkylthio, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl; and R^9 represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or a hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{2-7} acyl, C_{1-6} alkylthio, C_{1-6} alkoxy or C_{3-6} cycloalkyl group. The compounds or salts thereof are useful for treatment of respiratory disorders such as asthma. Compounds of the invention have a longer duration of action than the known compound trequinsin (9,10-dimethoxy-3 methyl-2-mesitylimino-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-pyrimido[6,1-a]isoquinolin-4-one).